

What can I do with a major in “Child and Family Development”

The University of Georgia Career Center

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Child and Family Development

The Department of Child and Family Development offers a comprehensive and multidisciplinary undergraduate degree. This program provides students with core knowledge and orients them to issues concerning the development and functioning of individuals and families throughout the life cycle: Infancy, childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle age and aging. The department's objective is to prepare students to gain the knowledge to become educators, leaders, and professionals within the field of child and family studies.

The General Emphasis provides students the opportunity to select elective courses that allow them to become Certified Family Life Educators through the National Council on Family Relations, enabling them to work in areas such as parenting education, marriage enrichment, adoption, or elder care. Other students work with their advisor to select electives that will prepare them to go on for further education in health fields such as nursing, physician's assistants, medicine, and occupational therapy.

The Child Life Emphasis is offered as a joint program between our department and Georgia Health Sciences University. This program prepares students to work with children and families in healthcare settings. Students pursuing the Child Life emphasis will learn about Child and Family Development issues along with the unique effects of hospitalization on children and families.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (userid: ugacpp & password: gcis889)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

**Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.*

Possible Job Titles of Child and Family Development Graduates

4-H Program Assistant	County Extension Agent	Program Coordinator
Adult Education Instructor	Curriculum Development Specialist	Program Director
Advocacy and Nursing Home Transition Coordinator	Educational Therapist	Rehab Aid
Business Manager	Event Coordinator	Research Technician
Camp Director	Human Resources	Residential Counselor
Case Manager	Marketing Coordinator	Sales Associate/Manager
Child Advocate	Marriage and Family Therapist	Social Services Case Manager
Child Care Director	Maternal and Child Health Paraprofessional	Social Worker
Child Life Specialist I	Parent-Child Educator	Special Instructor
Clinical Research Associate	Patient Care Advocate	Teacher/Instructor
Community Services Administrator	Pre-School Teacher	Therapist
		Youth Minister
		Youth Program Coordinator

Possible Employers of Child and Family Development Graduates

Adamah Adventures	Government Agencies	Oconee County School System
Adult Education Programs	Gwinnett County School System	Project Adventure
Babies Can't Wait	Health Care Facilities	Public/Private School Systems
Board of Education	Hospitals	St. Francis Hospital
Brook Haven School For Boys	Learning Centers	Teach for America
Centers for Family Research	Lee Bo Young Talking Club	The University of Georgia
Consumer Protection Agencies	Medical College of Georgia	Youth Services Organizations
Disability Resource Center	Non-profit Organizations	
GA Dept of Fam/Child Svcs	North GA Medical Transport	

Career Center Library Resources

100 Best Non-profits to Work For
Careers in Counseling and Human Services
Career Opportunities in Health Care
Health Care Job Explosion
Opportunities in Counseling and Development Careers
Opportunities in Event Planning Careers
Peterson's Job Opportunities for Health and Science Majors

Campus Resources

Child and Family Development Association - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/cfd/undergraduate/cfda.html>
Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/cfd/cdl/>
Marriage & Family Therapy Program and Clinic - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/cfd/mft/>
College of Family & Consumer Sciences Student Services - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ss/index.html>

Employment Websites

Careers in Child and Family Policy - <http://cfp.igpa.uiuc.edu/>
Jobs in the Social Science Fields - <http://www.rileyguide.com/social.html>
USAJOBS - <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
Idealist - <http://www.idealists.org/>

Additional Resources

The National Council on Family Relations - <http://www.ncfr.org/>
American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - www.aafcs.org
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy - www.aamft.org
Child Life Council - <http://www.childlife.org/>
TeachGeorgia - Georgia's Official Recruitment Clearinghouse - www.teachgeorgia.org
Administration for Children and Families, within the Department of Health and Human Services - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/index.html>
LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com>